



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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August 4, 2021

Worship
Join us weekly on
our website:
Firstprescf.org

**This Weekend's Worship -
10:00 am In-person, Facebook live & CFU**

Sermon: "Blessed Are the Peacemakers"

Scripture: Matthew 5:9; James 2:15-16
Ways to join worship: In-person, Facebook Live at **10:00am** on Sunday, by recording (to be posted on our website on Monday.)

Questions of the Week: What does peace mean to you? When do you most feel at peace? Go to our [Facebook page](#) and share your answer with us.

Prayer of Preparation

God of peace,
We want to be peacemakers and justice workers in your name.
We want to follow your lead in creating a world where each one of us experiences true wholeness.
Please show us what our next step is today in creating the peace our world needs.
Amen.

Church Birthdays
Aug 4-Debbie Dean, 6-Mary Clapp, 11-Greg Dotseth, 14-Rhonda Braley

Sympathy to...
Lindsey Humpal upon the death of her grandmother, Charlotte Ford, on July 31.

For your prayers...
Carl & Evelyn Boice's son, Scott

Sherman Bullock, son of **Harriett Bullock** and brother of **Jeverna Mulligan**

Walt Stephenson

Notice...
Sunday, August 8
10:00 am In-Person worship with communion.
10:45 am Social Time on the west lawn.

Sunday, August 22
5:00-7:00 pm Three-House Block Party at UNI

The Beatitudes – Blessed Are the Peacemakers



"Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God."

– Matthew 5:9

"If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?"

— James 2:15-16

This Sunday we will sit with Jesus atop the mountain reflecting on what it means in Matthew when he says, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God."

What does it mean to be a peacemaker? Indeed, what even is the meaning of peace? The Hebrew word we translate as peace is *shalom*, and like many words translated and redefined over millennia its full depth of meaning has been lost on our current culture.

Shalom means wholeness and wellness. It means all your needs—physical, emotional, spiritual, etc.— are met and lovingly cared for. So, when we share "the peace of Christ" with one another it is much more than well-wishes or another way to say hello. When we say, "The peace of Christ be with you", we are sharing a blessing of wholeness and wellness. Even more, we are committing to be participators in God's topsy-turvy kingdom; working toward a world which celebrates and works toward the good of *all* of God's people.

Do you know someone who characterizes the call to be peacemakers? If we sit and listen to them, what might we be called to do? What parts of our systems would we be called to challenge? I look forward to exploring these questions with you.

Your fellow mountain climber,

Pastor Julie

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader: Lynette Cline

Communion Officiant: Rev. 'Pete' McCart

Communion Preparer: Cyd Grafft

Computer Operator: Dave Luck

Videographer: Gary Clark

Shepherd: Margaret Clark

Tree Removal & Dishwasher repair: Jim Seeley & Gary Clark

In Sympathy...

Prayers are extended to the family and friends of **Don Erusha** who passed away yesterday, Aug. 3. Visitation will be at Dahl-Van Hove Schoof Funeral Home on Thursday, August 5, 3:00-7:00 pm. The funeral service will be private.



Thank You

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for giving Noah the opportunity to go to the camp. He talks about his fun time there.
Jeannette Mukayisire

Noah Tollefson, far right



Presby Spottings

Doug Lawry (far right) and Vi Polk (seated next) after swim class.

Photo by Sandy Lawry

Working for Justice: Breaking Bias

You are invited to click on the link below to view the July 21 link for the Working for Justice Zoom. We discussed three of the "Uncomfortable Conversations with A Black Man" videos hosted by Emmanuel Acho. [Working for Justice: Breaking Bias Zoom - July 21, 2021](#)

This week's schedule (Zoom and on-site)

Wednesday, August 4

7:00 pm CYF Team Meeting, Zoom

Thursday, August 5

12:00 pm Sarah Circle, Pablo's Restaurant-CF

5:30 pm Community Ministries, Zoom

Sunday, August 8

10:00 am Worship, sanctuary

10:45 am Social Time, west lawn

Thursday, August 12

2:00 pm Food Bank Work Session, 1605 Lafayette St, Waterloo

Threehouse Donations needed

Our Campus Ministry partner, ThreeHouse, is having their annual Block Party at UNI on Sunday, August 22 from 5:00-7:00 pm along 25th Street (between College and Olive Sts.)

Our church has been asked to supply pop and lemonade. Please...

- They should be **name brand** like Pepsi, Coke, Mountain Dew, etc.
- The **diet** and **regular** versions are both needed
- No 2-liters, just individual size plastic bottles
- Water is already supplied

You may leave your donated items in the northeast entryway. The deadline for donations is August 18. Thank you for your support of this ministry.



From the NE Iowa Food Bank

We are still looking for help with their Personal Care Drive on this Saturday, August 7. Volunteers are needed to stand inside the doors of Walmart, hand out flyers and collect donations. Staff will be at each site. To sign up follow this link <https://signup.com/go/KjUCnae>, click Personal Care Store option. **Spots Needed**
2 people from 9 am to 11 am-Waterloo Walmart
2 people from 10:45 to 1 pm- Cedar Falls Walmart
4 people from 10:45 to 1 pm- Waterloo Walmart

Northeast Iowa Food Bank Event

We will be having a Food Bank work session on Thursday, August 12 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. We would like to get at least **2 more people** to sign up. Please sign up online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD4BA9A728ABF4CF8-food>

If you sign up but can't make it, log back in and delete your name or please let us know.